Under international law, a refugee is a person who has fled the country of his nationality to avoid persecution or the threat of persecution.

The United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees gives a precise definition of the term.

Interestingly, the Convention of the Organization of African Unity extends refugee status to all persons fleeing their country because of an armed conflict [1] or internal disturbances [2].

See Displaced persons [3]; Stateless persons [4]; Non-refoulement [5];
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